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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Previously presented) A fluid-dispensing apparatus comprising:

a housing defining a fluid reservoir therein;

a first coupling structure on the housing;

a holder having a second coupling structure and a latch arm disposed adjacent the second coupling structure, the holder having a recess providing the second coupling structure and having an open end and an opposite closed end and the latch arm including a tab protruding beyond the open end and a latch lever extending along a bottom of the recess from the open end of the recess toward the closed end, the latch arm for latching engagement with the housing for securely mounting the holder on the housing when the first coupling structure is coupled to the second coupling structure;

a work-engaging medium carried by the holder; and

a valve carried by the housing and cooperating with the holder to provide communication between the reservoir and the medium.

Claim 7 (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising an end wall of the housing attached to the first coupling structure and the latch arm includes a latch surface that engages the end wall and the first coupling structure includes a wedge-shaped projection.

Claim 8 (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the tab is depressible by a user's thumb or finger to release the latch arm from engagement with the housing.

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Claim 9 (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the latch arm includes a proximate end attached to a bottom portion of a recess of the holder.

Claim 10 (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the second coupling structure includes a wedge-shaped recess and the projection and the recess respectively have mating dovetail shapes in transverse cross section.

Claim 11 (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the housing includes a resilient button having a bias member.

Claim 12 (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the bias member is a rib running along the interior of the button.

Claim 13 (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the apparatus is a kitchen brush and the work-engaging medium is a plurality of bristles.

Claim 14 (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the holder includes a resilient spring finger for biasing against the wedge shaped projection of the housing.

Claim 15 (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the projection is formed on a plate carried by the housing.

Claim 16 (Original) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the plate is welded to an end of the housing.

Claims 17 -22 (Cancelled)

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Claim 23 (Withdrawn) A holder for cooperating with a fluid dispensing apparatus, the holder comprising:

a block having a wedge-shaped recess and a latch lever disposed adjacent the recess and the latch lever extending along a bottom of the recess, the latch lever for latching engagement with a coupling structure of the fluid dispensing apparatus for securely mounting the block on the apparatus when the coupling structure is mateably received in the recess.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 21 wherein the wedge shaped recess is arranged to receive a corresponding wedge shaped projection of the apparatus.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 21 further comprising a latch arm attached to the latch lever.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 21 further comprising a latch tab extending from the latch lever, the latch tab depressible by a user's thumb or finger.

Claim 27 (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 21 further comprising an aperture formed in the block and a valve carried by the aperture so that upon coupling of the holder to the apparatus the aperture is aligned with an apparatus aperture so that fluid contained within the apparatus may be dispensed through the apertures and through the valve.

Claim 28 (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 21 further comprising bristles carried by the block to act as a work medium.

Claim 29 (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 21 further comprising a sponge carried by the block to act as a work medium.

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Claim 30 (Withdrawn) The holder of claim 21 further comprising a pad carried by the block to act as a work medium.

Claim 31 (Previously presented) A fluid-dispensing apparatus comprising:

- a body defining a fluid reservoir therein;
- a handle carried by the body;
- a work-engaging medium carried by the body;
- a valve assembly carried by the body for providing communication between the reservoir and the medium; and
- a flexible and resilient button mounted on the body for movement between a rest position and depressed position, the button including a bias member having a pair of ribs disposed along an interior of the button and being manually deflectable to the depressed position to increase pressure within the fluid reservoir to activate the valve assembly and one of the button, valve and reservoir being alterable in size or orientation to provide a variable volume orientation of fluid dispensing so that a predetermined volume of fluid is dispensed by the apparatus,

wherein the button includes a flexible and resilient dome portion, the dome portion including a nipple protruding into the interior and being depressible by a user's thumb or finger to move the button to the depressed position, and wherein each rib has a generally triangular shape and is attached to the nipple to bias the dome to return the dome to its rest position.

Claim 32 (Previously presented) A fluid-dispensing apparatus comprising:

- a handle having a reservoir for receiving fluid;
- a button mounted on the handle the button having a predetermined surface area and defining an interior;

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a rib attached to a wall of the interior of the button;

a resilient member carried by the button, the resilient member including a center nipple having a pair of ribs extending therefrom and providing an increase in pressure in the reservoir when the resilient member is depressed,

a block attached to the handle having a cleaning medium;

a valve disposed on the handle for dispensing fluid therethrough when the resilient member is depressed, the valve having a predetermined deflection operation and the predetermined surface area and deflection operation being coordinated to provide a predetermined volume of fluid to be dispensed from the apparatus; and

one of the button, valve and reservoir being alterable in size or orientation to provide for dispensing of the predetermined volume of fluid.